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WEATHER.

- Eastern Oregon and Washington—Rain. Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho—Rain, possibly snow; warmer.

"IF."

If the shadows of war shall ever fall athwart the North American coasts and these United States be a party to the engagement, as opposed to England or any of England's allies, it will come to pass that this port of Astoria will instantly swing into line and fame as one of the three great harbors of refuge, supply and basic value, for the navy operating against the enemy. This will not be denied anywhere.

Now, therefore, we insist that it is time the Government was looking to the proper equipment of these waters and the establishment of such primary agencies as are likely to be needed in such an event, such as a drydock, great machine shops, gun-parks, and all the elements of a first-class navy yard. The time, the place, the predicate, all are plainly adequate to justify the earliest action in this direction, and this warning is as timely and essential as any other phase of the problem that awaits solution, and it is up to the Oregon delegation to take steps as appropriate. When they go to work, it will be well to remember, and avow accordingly, that the proposition is not an Astorian idea; that there are hundreds of thousands of people in the great Northwest profoundly interested in this project and that it is in the interest of the country at large and not a cheap local matter for Astoria, Portland nor Oregon.

Puget Sound, in such a promise as laid down here, would be out of the running, until the State of Washington shall build a canal from the mouth of the Columbia to the Sound, before the accomplishment of which a good deal is likely to have happened; and for this reason, that State would best be at work on this score.

It will take time to force this thing through the impervious hide of the Easterner to whom the United States and the Atlantic seaboard are synonymous terms and this winter is as late, as justice and common sense can stand for, in the taking up of so grave and needful a proposition.

A BUREAUCRATIC ROW.

That the war between the staff and line of the United States navy has assumed radical and righteous dimensions, is proven by the direct refusal of Rear Admiral Brownson, of the Bureau of Navigation, to obey the order of President Roosevelt to transmit his order assigning a naval surgeon to the absolute command of a hospital ship of the navy, and his prompt resignation from the service, after half a century of devoted employment in that arm of the public defense.

It is said that the President himself is plainly partial to the claims of the line officers (the fighting and navigating officers, as contro-distinguished from the paymasters, engineers, physicians and other bureaucratic officers) and that the order was sent to the touchy old war-dog, Brownson, with a view of precipitating the climax that will, in turn, precipitate an entire revolution and re-adjustment of the two branches.

In the good old days before steam had wrought the change in the handling of ships, and sails and sailors supervised at all points, and the honors of war and peace fell alike to the trained seamen and navigators of the service, the doctors and paymasters were in a position far more clearly defined, and accepted,

then that they occupy today; and there was no trouble as between the staff and line. Now, the staff corps is almost essential and co-spiracious as the line, and its growing importance is lending zest and tone to the claims of those who were once but mere appendages to the service. Yet, we believe, in justice to the immense value of these departmental officers to the navy, that they should be granted all the prominence and honor their professions and their faithful work demand at the hands of the people and the government; but that their status and awards and recognition, should be very clearly distinguished from the consideration shown to the real naval officer, the officer of the line, the man who does the fighting, the navigating, and is in supreme command of the movements and history of each separate atom of the great service. There should never be any mixing of the responsibilities; no merging of duties; no combinations of the prerogatives; no interference of authority; no ambiguous parallels of rank and prestige; no confusion of titles. It is dangerous to start these bureaucratic rows. They react on the staff, not on the line; and to the landsman generally, they present the idea of disruption and disorganization, when there is really no thought nor danger of any such thing.

With due respect to all concerned we hope the issue of the present uproar will again accentuate the pre-eminence of the fighting arm of the naval service just as all similar disturbances have in the past since nothing must be permitted ever to weaken, lessen, or cripple that potent phase of the national defense; we want no French disorders in either our navy nor army; no disgraceful scandals, nor unseemly rows. The feud is an old one, but the law of the land and the safety of its people are above all the nasty social feuds that ever existed; and if we are to descend to level of bureaucratic turmoil, it is to be hoped one fight will do for all time, and that the Presidential power will, intervene, one for all, in the maintenance of the superior prerogative of the line and that Congress will back him to the limit of its power. No one of sense ever deprecates the extraordinary value of the staff work and clientele; but the line officers are the real authoritative representatives of the people of these United States on the high seas, and this should be made manifest at all hazards and religiously maintained.

Women with good complexions are never homely. Good blood makes good complexion. Lane's Family Medicine makes good blood. All druggists sell it for 25 cents.

Senator Teller and LaFollette are just about getting the soreness out of their respective bodies and both look askance at Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas. It appears that the three Senators, who were appointed a committee to look into the affairs of the Kickapoo Indians, had much traveling to do away from the railroads. They might have stuck to the Western buckboard in pursuing their investigations, but Senator Curtis pointed to his colleagues the glories of life on the back of a Western mustang. Senator Curtis understands

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a horse and is injured to the saddle, having been a jockey in his younger days. For this reason he took to this means of locomotion as naturally as a duck to water, but the venerable Senator Teller was jarred from his head to his heels, while the jolting of Senator LaFollette's mouth prevented that worthy from talking an infliction that approached the dignity of exquisite torture. So this is the reason for the seeming coldness that has sprung up between one Charles Curtis, Junior Senator from Kansas, and his colleagues from Colorado and Wisconsin.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

An astronomer remarks that Mars, which is millions of years older than the earth, has stood off her fate for ages by a system of international globe-encircling canals. Millions of years must pass before our planet will threaten to go dry, but canals are needed now to overcome freight congestion, which is a serious trouble.

Passed Examination Successfully

James Donahue, New Britain, Conn., writes: "I tried several kidney remedies, and was treated by our best physicians for diabetes, but did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Cure. After the second bottle I showed improvement, and five bottles cured me completely. I have since passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Cure cures back-ache and all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. Sold by T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

During the recent money famine, Senator Burkett of Nebraska undertook a poll of the bankers in that state to ascertain their views on legislation to prevent a recurrence of unsettled financial conditions. He has already received upwards of 250 replies, the majority of which are from the smaller and State banks. Of the total number received, 151 of the banks expressed themselves as being in favor of government guarantee for deposits and only 35 were against it. Those in favor of a postal savings bank law number twenty-three, while fifty-five are opposed to it. The opposition is based on the ground that postal savings banks would hurt banks of small capital and be a great aid to the large national banks. Almost without exception the Nebraska bankers blame the Eastern banks, and especially the New York institutions for causing the flurry. They also are practically unanimous in favoring the government regulation and examination of trust companies, similar to the present supervision exercised over national banks.

Millions of bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar have been sold without any person ever having experienced any other than beneficial results from its use for coughs, colds and lung troubles. This is because the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package contains no opiates or other harmful drugs. Guard your health by refusing any but the genuine. Sold by T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

CLAIM MONEY IS DUE

Suit of International Interest Now Before Supreme Court

INVOLVES PROMINENT MEN.

Executors of English Estate Sue Trustees of Estate of American Lady, Claiming That Money Was Borrowed and Never Repaid.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A suit of international interest and involving the names of persons prominent on both sides of the Atlantic is in the hands of the supreme court justices for decision. It is the suit of Rev. Percy E. Bateman and Frederick W. Newton, of England, as executors of the estate of Thomas Connock Elliott, an Englishman, against Colonel William Jay and Edgerton L. Winthrop, Jr., as trustees of the estate of Mrs. Anna Benkart Hunt, of Paris, to recover about \$50,000 claimed to be owing the Elliott estate by Mrs. Hunt. Judgment has already been obtained against Mrs. Hunt in England, but the discovery that her estate had for a long time been in the hands of trustees was not made known until after that judgment was rendered.

The suit is based upon the claim that Mrs. Hunt borrowed \$40,000 from Mr. Elliott through Cartmel Harrison, a London barrister, who committed suicide after going through bankruptcy proceedings which involved \$2,500,000.

It is said that Mrs. Hunt signed a mortgage which was also signed by three of her children. The defense is that Mrs. Hunt did not receive the money, or at least not all of it, and that she had no right to mortgage the estate in which she held only a little interest with right to will it to her children in such proportions as she chose.

The trust was made by Mrs. Hunt, then Miss Benkart, in 1872, several years before her marriage to Percy Hunt, of London, who died some years later. The property was left to Mrs. Hunt by her grandfather, Henry Robinson, and her brother, John Philip Benkart. Mrs. Hunt has three children living, the eldest having been killed while serving as an officer in the British army during the Boer war.

Danger in Asking Advice.

When you have a cough or cold do not ask some one what is good for it, as there is danger in taking some unknown preparation. Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds, and prevents pneumonia. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Representative Handell of Wyoming piloted a bride from his state into the White House the other day. The bride, however, is no longer a native of Wyoming, having married a resident of Missouri, who was present. While they were waiting for admission to the President's private office, Vice President Fairbanks came along and Mr. Handell promptly introduced the young couple. "Aren't you sorry that you will lose your vote now that you are no longer a citizen of Wyoming?" asked the Vice President of the bride.

"I am" she retorted prettily, "but only for the reason that I cannot go back there in order to vote for you for President."

Then, overcome by the thought of talking thus to a great man, she blushed vividly, but she was not alone, for Mr. Fairbanks turned so red that he looked like a tall lighthouse on a calm day.

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